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Report Highlights:

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Although China just became a member of the World Trade Organization and implemented new tariff rates at the beginning of this year, a noticeable shift in the country's import patterns has started to emerge. An examination of selected food product import volumes by port district, covering the same period for three years, indicates that grey channel importation may be on the decrease and direct importation on the increase. This rise in direct shipments should lead to lower distribution costs and in turn lower consumer costs and increased demand. The specific time periods examined include: January to May, 2000; January to May, 2001; and January to May, 2002. The selected products include many items that during the 1990s come into China in large volumes via grey market channels in southern part of the country. The examined items are: frozen beef, poultry meat and offal, shelled almonds, pistachios, oranges, grapes, apples/pears/quinces, processed potatoes, soups, and retail pet food.

With a couple of exceptions among the products covered by this report, direct imports into China of high value consumer goods appear to be on the rise. This growth on a percentage basis appears greatest among port districts in northern China. In the Dalian port district, for example, import volume growth since 1999 has been substantial in both actual and percentage terms for oranges, grapes, apples, and processed potato products. Both the Guangzhou and Shenzhen port districts have also shown increases, but the rates of growth do not appear to be large. For the selected products, reliance on the smaller Guangdong port districts, i.e. Gongbei (Zhuhai), Jiangmen, and Huangpu (Guangzhou), generally appears to be lessening. For example, the volume of poultry imports into both Huangpu (Guangzhou) and Jiangmen port districts has fallen dramatically from 2000 to 2002. For many years, most of the high value consumer goods imported into China via grey channels used these smaller port districts in the south. The Guangdong provincial port districts mentioned in the statistics of the selected products include: Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Shantou, Gongbei (Zhuhai), Huangpu (Guangzhou), Jiangmen, and Zhanjiang.

Barely mentioned in the trade data are the import volumes of the selected products coming in the Fujian provincial port districts of Fuzhou and Xiamen. During the 1990s and into the new century, Fujian province was notorious for grey and black market importation of all types of products, including high value consumer products. The limited citation of Xiamen and Fuzhou in the port district figures might indicate continued existence of grey and black market importation in the southern part of China in general and in Fujian province in particular, but these numbers can not be construed as conclusive evidence.

Frozen Beef, HS0202
Quantity (Metric Tons), January - May, 2000-2002

Port	2000	2001	2002
Shenzhen	1,173	1,014	2,615
Beijing	53	38	298
Shenyang	94	69	273
Shanghai	28	55	125
Nanjing	0	0	77
Huangpu	60	0	61
Tianjin	0	0	46
Guangzhou	562	89	40
Gongbei	1	0	0
Jiangmen	2	0	0
Nanning	0	0	0
Chengdu	0	0	0
Chongqing	0	0	0
Shijiazhuang	0	0	0
Dalian	24	103	0
Harbin	0	0	0
Qingdao	0	93	0
All Ports	1,997	1,461	3,534
Source: China Customs Data as provided by Don MacLean, Chief Representative , New Zealand Trade Development Association Office Guangzhou			

Poultry Meat and Offal, HS0207
Quantity (Metric Tons), January - May, 2000-2002

Port	2000	2001	2002
Shenzhen	122,826	157,288	191,528
Guangzhou	183,546	88,176	25,384
Dalian	9,931	6,020	4,571
Shanghai	6,500	4,168	3,130
Shantou	13,432	23,565	2,927
Nanjing	141	548	674
Kunming	0	851	519
Fuzhou	0	938	324
Huangpu	11,972	10,156	282
Jiangmen	5,761	2,047	120
Tianjin	1,670	606	27
Qingdao	2,993	496	23
Wuhan	0	0	0
Gongbei	4	0	0
Nanning	561	1,215	0
Urumqi	0	0	0
Beijing	0	0	0
Shijiazhuang	0	118	0
Shenyang	0	0	0
Harbin	5	9	0
Hangzhou	0	87	0
Xiamen	114	117	0
All Ports	359,455	296,404	229,509
Source: China Customs Data as provided by Don MacLean, Chief Representative , New Zealand Trade Development Association Office Guangzhou			

Almonds (Shelled), HS0802.1200			
Quantity (Metric Tons), January - May, 2000-2002			
Port	2000	2001	2002

Guangzhou	227	300	1,014
Shenzhen	4	0	65
Shanghai	0	16	16
Beijing	0	21	11
Fuzhou	0	0	0
Zhengzhou	0	0	0
Huangpu	5	16	0
Gongbei	0	0	0
Shantou	16	17	0
Jiangmen	0	0	0
Urumqi	0	0	0
All Ports	252	371	1,107
Source: China Customs Data as provided by Don MacLean, Chief Representative , New Zealand Trade Development Association Office Guangzhou			

Pistachios, HS0802.5000			
Quantity (Metric Tons), January - May, 2000-2002			
Port	2000	2001	2002
Guangzhou	1,475	2,659	2,050
Shenzhen	0	631	1,645
Huangpu	221	158	352
Shanghai	0	0	320
Kunming	0	11	123
Gongbei	975	90	85
Urumqi	0	20	2
Shantou	11	126	0
Zhanjiang	0	0	0
Jiangmen	0	380	0
All Ports	2,682	4,074	4,577
Source: China Customs Data as provided by Don MacLean, Chief Representative , New Zealand Trade Development Association Office Guangzhou			

Oranges, HS0805.1000			
Quantity (Metric Tons), January - May, 2000-2002			
Port	2000	2001	2002

Guangzhou	8,874	2,947	7,884
Shanghai	64	3,612	3,347
Shenzhen	6,422	9,937	2,328
Dalian	103	1,730	1,366
Tianjin	0	422	335
Shijiazhuang	0	35	92
Lhasa	0	0	31
Beijing	0	0	1
Nanjing	0	0	1
Xiamen	0	0	0
Qingdao	19	44	0
Huangpu	70	0	0
Jiangmen	0	2,969	0
All Ports	15,552	21,695	15,384
Source: China Customs Data as provided by Don MacLean, Chief Representative , New Zealand Trade Development Association Office Guangzhou			

Grapes (Fresh or Dried), HS0806 Quantity (Metric Tons), January - May, 2000-2002			
Port	2000	2001	2002

Guangzhou	21,954	1,760	17,848
Shenzhen	3,699	16,201	10,411
Dalian	18	762	2,220
Shanghai	59	1,319	1,034
Qingdao	0	0	932
Shijiazhuang	18	18	121
Tianjin	2	51	46
Urumqi	0	0	45
Beijing	3	49	23
Gongbei	6	2	19
Huangpu	64	72	1
Nanning	0	0	0
Jiangmen	0	7,317	0
Lanzhou	20	40	0
Shantou	129	50	0
All Ports	25,973	27,641	32,700
Source: China Customs Data as provided by Don MacLean, Chief Representative , New Zealand Trade Development Association Office Guangzhou			

Fresh Apples, Pears, and Quinces, HS0808 Quantity (Metric Tons), January - May, 2000-2002			
Port	2000	2001	2002
Guangzhou	10,203	3,686	24,948
Shenzhen	598	10,104	4,168
Dalian	21	208	1,194

Shanghai	206	663	503
Tianjin	0	22	57
Qingdao	85	65	21
Beijing	1	66	1
Huangpu	99	0	0
Jiangmen	60	5,060	0
Lhasa	3	0	0
All Ports	11,276	19,875	30,891
Source: China Customs Data as provided by Don MacLean, Chief Representative , New Zealand Trade Development Association Office Guangzhou			

Potatoes (Prepared and Preserved), HS2004.1000 Quantity (Metric Tons), January - May, 2000-2002			
Port	2000	2001	2002
Shanghai	1,570	6,363	6,089
Shenzhen	1,195	5,419	5,206
Xiamen	224	1,765	2,725

Beijing	842	3,046	2,293
Dalian	0	952	1,455
Tianjin	443	1,785	1,167
Hangzhou	0	495	600
Nanning	0	0	497
Qingdao	20	63	293
Shijiazhuang	0	0	40
Xian	0	0	21
Guangzhou	0	14	21
Fuzhou	137	0	20
Ningbo	0	43	13
Gongbei	0	3	3
All Ports	4,430	19,947	20,443
Source: China Customs Data as provided by Don MacLean, Chief Representative , New Zealand Trade Development Association Office Guangzhou			

Soup, Broth, and Other Preparations, HS2104			
Quantity (Metric Tons), January - May, 2000-2002			
Port	2000	2001	2002
Shenzhen	83	185	249
Huangpu	74	88	101
Gongbei	139	2	100

Dalian	1	5	32
Qingdao	13	34	32
Shanghai	26	61	21
Tianjin	9	17	21
Fuzhou	0	4	3
Beijing	14	4	1
Guangzhou	0	1	0
Changchun	0	1	0
All Ports	360	400	560
Source: China Customs Data as provided by Don MacLean, Chief Representative , New Zealand Trade Development Association Office Guangzhou			

Dog and Cat Food for Retail Sale, HS2309.1000 Quantity (Metric Tons), January - May, 2000-2002			
Port	2000	2001	2002
Beijing	2	2	705
Shenzhen	13	185	48
Guangzhou	0	22	37
Tianjin	2	0	19
Qingdao	0	0	19
Gongbei	351	513	16
Shanghai	31	20	6
Huangpu	21	0	0
All Ports	420	742	850
Source: China Customs Data as provided by Don MacLean, Chief Representative , New Zealand Trade Development Association Office Guangzhou			